

REMARKS

Further consideration of the application as amended is requested.

Claims 24 and 25 are amended to address the issues noted in the Official Communication. In addition, an extraneous semicolon immediately before k' in subpart (a) is deleted from each of claim 24 and claim 25, and an inadvertent period in subpart (b) of claim 25 is replaced with a comma.

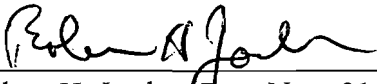
No new matter is introduced.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendment and remarks contained herein, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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